Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. A method for diagnosing spontaneous abortion, comprising providing contact between a sample of body fluid and an antigen capable of binding to an antibody to platelet activating factor (PAF), and assessing the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/of of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in the sample of body fluid.

2. The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by immunoassay.

3. The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay.

4. The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of

antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by radioimmunoassay.

5. The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in serum prepared from a blood sample.

6. The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in plasma prepared from a blood sample.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said sample of body fluid is a human blood sample or fraction thereof, and the measuring of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is by immunoassay.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is phosphocholine.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is phosphorylcholine.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is phosphatidylcholine.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is lysophosphatidylcholine.

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